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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

At the organizational session the Conference agreed on the basis of the Chairman's proposals that, with respect to its substantive session to be held from 12-30 July 1993:

1. All substantive issues would remain under the responsibility of the Plenary.

2. For the sake of efficiency, however, there will be the need to assign specific issues to ad hoc working groups or negotiating groups when appropriate. For this purpose the Plenary may itself constitute a working group of the whole. In this regard a broad division of the issues could be made between policy oriented issues and other substantive issues which have technical content. Because of the scientific and technical nature of such issues, delegations would include experts on fisheries matters.

3. No more than two simultaneous meetings (formal or informal) will be scheduled. It is noted that facilities are available for only one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon.

4. As far as the work programme of the substantive session is concerned, it is agreed that the first three days may be devoted to general statements. Thereafter the Conference would address the substantive matters before it. The Chairman has been requested to prepare a paper compiling a list of substantive subjects and issues that the Conference might consider. In this regard the Chairman will welcome submissions by delegations and they are encouraged to make such submissions by the end of May to facilitate the preparation of this paper. These should be addressed to the Secretariat.

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5. The paper to be prepared by the Chairman has to be without prejudice to any delegation on any matter referred to therein since it will be purely to provide some guidance to the Conference on its future work and should not be binding upon any delegation or on the Conference.